

NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting
June 15, 2011 MINUTES
Location: Newton City Hall Cafeteria

Present: Joe De Vito Chair, Tony Bibbo, Richard Dyer, Chris Fortunato, Matt Green, Peter Harrington, Jeff Mace, Ellen Manning, Stephanie Lapham, Terence Sack, John Staulo, Robert Staulo, Kirsten Tuohy
Staff: Ruth Hoshino, Linda Walsh
Guests: Tom Pomeroy, Larry Allen, Rebecca Allen, Soleil Allen, Charles Brinton, Joan Green, Michael Bower, Norman Gaudet, Mayor Setti Warren, Meghan Costello
Student Interns: Jaya Forsythe(NNHS), Isaac Rogers, Malik Reid, (NSHS), Zoë Smith(Dana Hall), Jay Sobel (NSHS), Tamara Matama (NNHS)

6:30 – 7:30 PM 9th Annual Youth Service Award Dinner honoring Larry Allen, Newton North counselor.
Plaque Inscription:

In recognition of a distinguished thirty-five year career as a counselor at Newton North High School providing dedicated service to the youth of the City of Newton and beyond.

With appreciation for helping countless students find the best in themselves.

With gratitude for your work tirelessly leading, teaching, and mentoring young people.

In honor of your dedication, passion and advocacy, we thank you.

Opening Remarks by Mayor Warren, followed by dinner and service award to Larry Allen
Chris Fortunato, Ellen Manning and Tom Pomeroy presented certificates to the student interns.

The business meeting was opened at 7:30 PM and chaired by Joe De Vito.

A vote to accept the minutes of May 4, 2011 was passed.

Treasurer's Report: The Youth Commission account will close out with a zero balance. Expenses for the year included:

- Improbable Players performance at Newton South
- Annual Award Dinner
- Public Service Interns supplies
- ECHECKUP purchase (half payment)

Business:

- Ellen Manning announced that after 34 years with the Newton Community Service Center, she has resigned her position. She described her tenure as most enjoyable. She loved working with the kids and enjoyed the Newton people. She has no regrets for the time she has spent there. She is leaving based on recent changes in the organization.
- Improbable Players Performance – the performance at Newton South to about 40 students, was well received and generated great student questions that brought issues to the surface such as identifying addiction as a disease. To increase the audience attendance, this topic should be on the September agenda with more planning time.
- The idea of having a dedicated Youth Commission telephone number and website were raised.
- Copies of the Youth Commission 1996 Youth Needs Assessment were distributed to the members to review for the September meeting. School department involvement would be required to administer this survey at Newton North and Newton South High Schools.

Joe DeVito thanked everyone on the commission for their work on behalf of Newton's youth. Joe was thanked for another successful year chairing the commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

The next meeting Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Hoshino